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Collings confirmed for second star

The U.S. Senate confirmed Brig. Gen. Michael Collings promotion to major general Monday.

General Collings became the Warner Robins Air Logistics Center commander in February. The date for his pin-on ceremony has not been scheduled.



Brig. Gen. Mike Collings

General Collings is responsible for world-wide logistics support for C-130 and C-5 transport aircraft, F-15 fighters and U-2 reconnaissance aircraft, as well as support for remotely piloted vehicles, Air Force helicopters, air-to-air missiles, surface motor vehicles and high-technology airborne electronics, avionics, and electronic warfare requirements.

His other responsibilities include comprehensive logistics support and sustainment of the E-8C Joint STARS weapon system through a total system support responsibility and contractor logistics support depot partnering relationship. He is also responsible for Global Reach Improvement Program modifications and shares systems sustainment support on the C-17 transport aircraft through a direct sales partnering agreement.

In related news, two of the Center's former vice commanders, Brig. Gen. Darryl Scott and Brig. Gen. James Armor, were also confirmed to receive their second stars.

— Ms. Faye Williams

ORI advice: Drink more water now

Everyone — particularly those involved in the Operational Readiness Inspection field exercise next week — should begin drinking water immediately, health officials advise. Lt. Col. Beverly Woods, public health officer with the 78th Medical Group, said the body needs more water as temperatures rise, and it takes time to become fully hydrated. Being water conscious now will help prevent heat-related illness like heat stress, heat stroke and kidney problems and also will keep people more alert and safe.

— From staff reports

Rev-Up editor earns DoD honor

Mr. Geoff Janes, Rev-Up editor, earned the highest writing award in the Department of Defense for his commentary “Why I give to the CFC,” in the 2004 Thomas Jefferson Awards Program.

Mr. Janes beat the best commentary entries from the Army, Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard in the program that recognizes military and civilian employee print and broadcast journalists for outstanding achievements in furthering the objectives of the Department of Defense Internal Information Program.

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Excellence



U.S. Air Force photos by Ms. Sue Sapp

Airman 1st Class Tyshawn Walker, 52nd CBCS, disconnects construction lights from the main power panel on the mobile air traffic control tower.

5th MOB turns 40

By Ms. Lanorris Askew
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When most people think of MOB mentality, the terms unruly or barbaric come to mind. Well, at Robins MOB mentality has a very different connotation - the MOB is the members of the 5th Combat Communications Group.

This year the men and women of the 5th CCG, military and civilian, past and present, will celebrate 40 years of excellence.

“We’re one big family,” said Master Sgt. George Broussard, chief of the maintenance operations center. “It doesn’t matter what we’re tasked with, everyone seems to come together and get the job done.”

Whether lacking in equipment or manpower they make it work.

The good old days

It’s that type mentality that has kept the 5th flourishing for the past 40 years, and Mr. Bob Smith, one of the original “mobsters,” can attest to that.

Mr. Smith, now retired civil service, once served as the chief of the group’s engineering flight. He arrived at Robins June 19, 1964, as a contractor with a company called Philco Ford.

“My company offered me an assignment with this new outfit that was being formed at Robins called the 5th Mobile Communications Group,” he said with a nostalgic smile. “I was at Shaw (Air Force Base) at the time and wanted to get back to Georgia so I accepted.”

Little did he know he was in for a surprise. Randomly stopping at a building under the “old water tower,” he told the major standing inside who he was looking for.

“The major said well, you’ve found us,” said Mr. Smith.



Airman 1st Class Justin Gray, 52nd CBCS, puts together a ground-to-air antenna for the mobile tower.

This major and one other Airman made up Mr. Smith’s new assignment.

Several contractors joined them later and shortly after that military arrived, but Mr. Smith’s first view of the 5th is one he’ll never forget.

After the group was completely formed their equipment started to arrive. A far cry from the high-tech machinery used today, Mr. Smith said it was Vietnam era, “cats and dogs,” he called it. Not a system of any kind. But with patience and expertise they transformed the 5th into a unit they could be proud of.

Growing up

From A.M. transmitters transmitting only 75 bits per second the Mob has come a long way.

The group has grown exponentially since

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Symposium offers look inside Lean

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What to know

More than 400 government and industry representatives from across the country converged on the Museum of Aviation Wednesday and Thursday for the 2nd annual Georgia International Lean Symposium.

The two-day event gave attendees the chance to learn how one of the pillars of Robin’s efficiency improvement activities is making a difference in war fighter support.

Guest speaker, Gen. Gregory S. Martin, Air

Force Materiel Command commander called Lean one of the most important and exciting things the United States Air Force is doing. He thanked the event’s sponsors for helping to

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Events honor law enforcement

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The 78th Security Forces Squadron will join police agencies and communities across America next week in the celebration of National Police Week.

The week became official in 1962, when President John F. Kennedy signed a bill setting aside time to recognize men and women of law enforcement whose daily work places them in harm’s way. May 15 is set aside as Peace Officers’ Memorial Day in honor of the officers who have given their lives in the line of duty.

The 78th Security Forces Squadron will be host for several events at Robins in observance of the week:

May 13- Candelight Vigil from 7 to 8 p.m. at the base Chapel. The vigil is a memorial service honoring law enforcement officers who died on the job over the past year. Speaker will be retired Air National

Guard Maj. Gen. Michael Bowers, also former Georgia attorney general. Because of the nature of the event, children should not attend.

May 15 - Peace Officers Memorial Day. A memorial retreat ceremony will be held at the base flag pole in front of Building 215 at 5 p.m.

May 15 - There will be an exhibit at the field adjacent to the base Commissary from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Security forces members from Robins and community police agencies will have displays. In addition, Security Forces will provide an Operation Save-a-Child station where parents can bring their children to be fingerprinted. McGruff the Crime Dog will make guest appearances during the day.

Editor’s note: All events are open to the base community. Those with questions should call Staff Sgt. Stephanie McCleskey at 926-2118.

New barriers to improve protection, appearance of Robins

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What to know

The nearly \$3 million project, funded by Air Force Reserve Command and Air Force Materiel Command, to construct and install new barriers around some headquarters buildings at Robins began in early January and is expected to be complete by November. Existing jersey barriers in these locations will be returned to the 778th Civil Engineering Group’s stock for future temporary use. The new barriers, made of concrete and reinforced steel, are a permanent replacement of the base’s temporary barriers that have been in place since 9-11.

New barriers are adding permanent force protection that complements Robins’ look, while securing its resources.

The nearly \$3 million project, funded by the Air Force Reserve Command and Air Force Materiel Command, will add 253 newly constructed barriers and 235 bollards to replace existing jersey barriers currently surrounding some headquarters buildings on base.

Ms. Nancy Manley, functional manager of the project and chief of the Engineering Flight for the 778th Civil Engineering Squadron, said the new concrete and reinforced



U.S. Air Force photo by Ms. Sue Sapp

steel barriers, weighing up to 14,000 pounds each, will improve the level of protection for the base.

“These barriers are designed for

Mr. John Carter, left, and Mr. Danny Hamilton guide a barrier as a crane lowers it into place in front of Building 220 recently.

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Robins 3-day forecast
Courtesy of 78th OSS/OSW

Today
Mostly sunny

90/59

Saturday
Mostly sunny

89/58

Sunday
Mostly sunny

88/59

ORI countdown:
6 days

What’s inside

Make your reservations for Middle Georgia Military Ball **2A**
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Child development specialist sheds 150 pounds **4B**
Center commander makes first workplace visit **8B**

Make your reservations for the 20th Middle Georgia Military Ball

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Reservations are being accepted for the 20th Middle Georgia Military Ball to be held June 12 at 6:30 p.m. at the Museum of Aviation Century of Flight Hangar. Entertainment will be by the Air Force Strolling Strings, musicians who perform across America and worldwide at high-level protocol events, and who have entertained at the White House for every president from Eisenhower to Clinton.

Also entertaining at the ball will be the United States Air Force Reserve Jazz Ensemble, which plays American big band vintage music of such jazz greats as Glenn Miller, Duke Ellington and Count Basie as well as contemporary composers. The theme for the 2004 ball is “60th anniversary of D-Day – the Normandy Landing.” Anyone interesting in attending should call their organizational monitors. The following are taking reservations:

- 78ABW/CCE**, 2nd Lt. Christopher D’Avion, 926-3441
- 78CEG/CCQ**, 2nd Lt. Erica Hill, 926-5820 ext. 140
- 78LRS/LGRVO**, Master Sgt. James Muncy, 926-3493
- 78OSS/CSS**, Staff Sgt. Lorraine Coleman, 926-3331
- 78CES/CEAE**, 1st Lt. Ben Gensic, 926-5820 ext. 605
- 78CS/SCB**, 2nd Lt. Clarence Houston, 926-7774
- 78CS/SCM**, 2nd Lt. James Rubstell, 926-5447
- 78CS/SCMLF**, Airman 1st Class Lawrence Lamontagne, 926-4114
- 78MDG/SGD**, Ms. Elizabeth M. Tandy, 327-8053
- 78MSG/SV**, 2nd Lt. William McMillan, 926-3193
- 78MSG/DPCP**, Ms. Jan Dominey, 926-3805, ext 344
- 78SFS/CCF**, Master Sgt. Kelly Hight, 926-5522
- 78SFS/SFO**, 2nd Lt. Sara Parris, 926-6465
- 78MSG/SVE**, 2nd Lt. Peter Dellert, 926-5037
- 78MSS/DPN**, Staff Sgt. Sharon Christian, 926-6515, and Staff Sgt. Michelle Main, 926-6515
- 78ABW/XPRA**, Ms. Essie Nasworthy, 926-4905

ALC/AE, Mr. John J. Hein, 926-0253

- ALC/BC**, Ms. Tracy B. Welch, 926-5873
- ALC/CCD**, Ms. Lesley Houston, 926-2131 ext. 107
- ALC/EM**, Ms. SherryAnn Logue, 926-9645
- ALC/ENES**, 2nd Lt. Robert Walker, 926-1132
- ALC/IG**, Ms. Carolyn Bowser, 926-5111
- ALC/JA**, Capt. Jonathan Williams, 926-3961
- ALC/LBRH**, 2nd Lt. Morgan Williamson, 926-5833
- ALC/LEADB**, 2nd Lt. Marco Cardenas, 472-0316
- ALC/LFES**, 2nd Lt. Donald Beaven, 926-5476 and 2nd Lt. Matthew O’Brien, 926-4175
- ALC/LGA**, Ms. Deborah Vallin, 926-2088
- ALC/LM**, 2nd Lt. Robert Stapleton, 926-3511
- ALC/LSELP**, 2nd Lt. Anthony Ebbing, 926-2947
- ALC/LT**, 2nd Lt. Cyrus Walker, 926-4349
- ALC/LTKB**, 1st Lt. Theodore Rivera, 327-7391
- ALC/LUFP**, Ms. Mary Johnson, 926-9330
- ALC/MABAP, ALC/LXKA**, 1st Lt. David Hagler, 926-8301; Capt. Abigail White, 926-3703
- ALC/MU**, Ms. Paula Dickinson, 926-6870
- ALC/PKOS**, Staff Sgt. Kenya Hall, 926-2554
- ALC/XP**, Ms. Valerie Mitchell, 926-2183
- ALC/XPT**, Ms. Heather Pratts, 926-0824

AFOSI/Atch 105, Senior Airman Latasha N. West, 926-2141
AFRC/PAC, Ms. Susan Solis, 327-1748

19ARG/CCE, 1st Lt. Timothy Kelley, 926-2928 and Capt. Fred Cunningham, 327-1748

116AMAX/MGTA, Staff Sgt. Lacreitia Wiseman, 327-4597
116AMXS/LGA, Staff Sgt. Marisa Lopez, 327-4411
116MXS, Staff Sgt. Renita Gardner, 327-6222

53CBCS/SCMT, Staff Sgt. Charles Sargent, 926-6868

12ACCS/CS, 2nd Lt. Bradley Webb, 327-4981

Federal managers to sponsor Manager of the Year award

The Federal Managers Association's Chapter 121 is seeking nominations for its Outstanding Federal Manager of the Year award. Military and civilian supervisors or managers at all levels are eligible if they have made significant contributions in calendar year 2003 toward the achievement of one or more of the following objectives:

- Greater efficiency and cost effectiveness in the federal work force
- Increased productivity and improved quality through innovative management and leadership
- Achievement of greater return on the taxpayers' investment

■ Identification and elimination of fraud, waste and abuse

Ms. Sandra Portz, chairperson of the FMA awards committee, said any employee, supervisor, manager or organization may submit nominations. A panel of community judges will review the nominations and select the winner or winners.

Deadline for nominations is close of business May 28. For more information, contact Ms. Portz at 926-3628. Nomination packages must be delivered to her in Building 376, Room 469, or e-mailed to sandra.portz@robins.af.mil.

– Mrs. Chrissy Zdrakas



U.S. Air Force photo by Ms. Sue Sapp

Gen. Greg ‘Speedy’ Martin, Air Force Materiel Command commander, is briefed by Mr. Jimmy Beeland during a tour of Avionics Thursday. During his visit, General Martin was also the keynote speaker at the Georgia International Lean Symposium.

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bring together people who care about doing things much better, faster and in a much more effective way for the war fighter.

The general said it’s fitting that the symposium is at Robins since many of the apostles of Lean came from here.

“Many of those championing this effort came from Robins and where we going with Lean in AFMC had its roots of success in Middle Georgia,” he said.

Mr. Dick McCoy, Georgia international Lean symposium board chairman, said that Lean is continuous process improvement and eliminating waste in those processes.

Mr. Ron Carbon, with the 21st Century partnership, said the symposium is another example of how the local community has rallied together for the past 62 years to support the needs of Robins.

Hosted by the 21st Century Partnership, the Georgia Chamber of

Commerce and the Middle Georgia Military Affairs Committee, the event was an opportunity for government and industry to benchmark with the best of the breed.

“Twenty-three exhibitors were on hand to show attendees how well they’re doing with Lean implementation and offer lessons learned from their experiences,” said Mr. McCoy.

“If this weren’t going to be a good learning experience, it wouldn’t be worth people coming.”

Last year’s symposium was successful, represented by this year’s increase in attendance.

“We’re well established,” said the symposium board chairman. “Last year we had 375 people attend, and this year nearly 400 signed up. Since they had such a good experience last year they’re back again for a second try.”

The theme for this year’s symposium was “continuing the Lean journey” and included breakout sessions supported by each of the three air logistics centers on Lean engineering, Lean sustainment and overcoming

challenges.

Military representatives from Army depots implementing Lean concepts were present as well as some Navy and Marine depots.

“With the Lean symposium the community is able to bring together people from public and private industry from throughout the United States and around the world,” said Mr. Carbon. “They are here to try to improve the efficiencies of each of their organizations.”

He added that last year a non-profit organization was created specifically to operate the symposium on behalf of our community groups.

“We are proud to have half the attendee list composed of industry representatives and major supporters of the base,” said Mr. McCoy.

The event, which featured six guest speakers from the public and private sectors, culminated with optional tours of Robins’ aircraft maintenance shops that have implemented Lean.

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Gen. Gregory S. Martin
Air Force Materiel Command commander

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barriers could,” she said. “They’re specifically designed to go with the landscaping and architecture of the base.”

Lt. Col Joe Ballard, 778th CES commander, said he expects the new barriers will enhance the face of force protection here.

“Force protection is becoming more of an issue since 9-11,” he said. “This new plan gives Robins an

aesthetically pleasing way to protect its critical facilities.”

Contractors began removing jersey barriers in January, with placement of new barriers scheduled to be completed by November.

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5th MOB best comm in Air Force

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The 5th Combat Communications Group, known as the 5th MOB, has hit the glass ceiling for Air Force honors go by winning the Maj. Gen. Harold M. McClelland Award for excellence in the communication and information systems arena.

Presented annually to the most outstanding communications unit in the Air Force with more than 300 people, the award is named for Maj. Gen. Harold M. McClelland an air power pioneer who was an Air Force communications

What to know

The mission of the 5th Combat Communications Group is to provide mobile and transportable command and control communications and air traffic control systems worldwide. Leading up their win of the coveted McClelland award the group earned its ninth Air Force Outstanding Unit Award.

officer and is the highest honor a communications and information organization can win.

The honor comes as no surprise to Col. David Cotton, 5th CCG commander.

“I attribute this win to the hard work and professionalism of the group,” he said.

Praising their willingness to go above and beyond the

call of duty, he explained that in the past few years many of his troops barely had time to reconstitute from their Operation Enduring Freedom deployments before heading back out in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

“We ask a lot of these young men and women,” he said. “But it’s these young enthusiastic professionals

who make it happen.”

The list of achievements over the nomination period includes engineering the first \$180,000 Predator communications link kit that increased battlefield visibility. The group also deployed all five squadrons and 1.7 million pounds of cargo for Operations Enduring Freedom, Iraqi Freedom and Southern Watch.

Boasting a perfect aircraft safety of flight record, they directly supported 6,000 combat flying hours and 2,300 sorties during 24-hours-a-day, seven-days-a-week operations.

The 5th also deployed two



U.S. Air Force photo by Ms. Sue Sapp

Members of the 52nd CBCS practice setting up a mobile air traffic control tower.

squadrons to Tallil Air Base, Iraq, to set up a coalition air-base under austere conditions.

In the planning and management of resources area they are credited with locating \$5.9 million in equipment

items considered lost and under report of survey investigation. The group also earned its ninth Air Force Outstanding Unit Award and four Airmen earned Bronze Star medals.

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that day 40 years ago. Today, the unit has approximately 750 people and can be a self-supporting combat unit. The group can provide its own site security, electrical power, vehicle maintenance and much more.

“The primary function of the group is to go in and set up all of the command and control or the communications part of an air base in expeditionary operations,” said Col. David Cotton, group commander. “It’s a contingency response on call 24-hours-a-day seven-days-a-week.”

The commander said when they get the call they start packing pallets, loading airplanes and go out and do their job making a home away from home.

“Command and control is our focus,” he said. “Telephones, radios and other ways of transmitting air tasking orders so aircrews know what they are supposed to do. We then help pass the feeds on to help build the air picture display that shows the commanders of the air forces where the combatants and non combatants are. It’s key to the overall situational awareness.”

Calling the men and women of

What to know

The 5th’s mission is to provide communications and information systems, air traffic, weather services supporting wartime and peacetime operations anytime, anywhere. The 5th CCG has been based at Robins since its activation July 1, 1964. It was originally called the 5th Mobile Communications Group and is still affectionately referred to as the 5th MOB.

the group versatile and talented, he said they are not only involved in the command and control for the conflict, but also the morale aspect.

Marines, longing to talk to family after months with no contact, have driven for up to two hours to reach one of the command and control centers set up by the 5th.

“Give them some time and some resources and the work they do just waters your eyes,” said Col. Cotton. “Even when they don’t have not enough time or enough resources, they are always successful.”

Today the group is comprised of five active duty squadrons. At one time the group had 1,200 people in one large group but the Air Force decided in the late 1980s to break it

into squadrons and crews. That allowed them to train as teams. And when they deploy, they deploy as a team, building the solidarity that makes the 5th a family.

Sgt. Broussard came to Robins in May 1989. He said although the equipment has changed, the reason he’s still here is because the camaraderie hasn’t.

He recalls his most memorable moment with the group was reading the headline declaring Desert Storm’s end in the Stars and Stripes on his first big deployment.

Master Sgt. Kevin Kern, communications computer network technician, came to Robins as an active duty member in 1981. He did a four-year tour and left the Air Force in 1985 after several back-to-back deployments.

“We deployed to Egypt when Libya invaded Chad and helped support flying missions over Chad,” he said.

When he came back, the Contras and the Sandinistas were fighting in El Salvador so we deployed again.

“In 1985 I decided maybe this is not for me because I had been gone quite a bit,” he said.

He left Air Force but missed the 5th and came back in 1986.

His most memorable moment was being involved in the beginning

of the air war during Desert Storm.

“General (Charles)Homer came into the communications center we were running with a disk carrying a message that told aircraft the times to launch,” he said. “When we asked what they should do next, he told them he was going to his office to watch CNN.

“One of the indicators that things had begun was when CNN went off the air in Baghdad,” he said.

Memories like those are prevalent in the group that has been involved in every major operation since its inception. In addition to the military members they also have 10 civilians who put on their desert cammies and deploy when needed.

Mr. Billy Keith, technical advisor, came on as a buck sergeant in 1983 staying on active duty until 1999. He then came back as a civilian.

“Once you get in a unit like this, it gets in your blood,” he said.

Mr. Smith who retired in 1994 after serving under 17 group commanders agreed.

“I’m still a mobster at heart,” he said.

Last year the 5th CCG deployed 545 people with most of its people deploying multiple times. According to Colonel Cotton usually 120 people are deployed at all times.

40th anniversary celebration

The two-day schedule of events for the 40th anniversary celebration includes:

Friday, May 14

- Alumni Association open house - 9 a.m.
- ☞ Group tours
- ☞ Static displays

Group-wide/Alumni BBQ Lunch - noon

- ☞ Active/alumni meet and greet
- ☞ Presentation of sports awards
- ☞ Speech by a former commander

Saturday, May 15

Group-wide/alumni golf tournament - 9 a.m. (Southern Hills Golf Course)

Formal anniversary banquet at Museum of Aviation - 6 p.m. social hour, 7 p.m. Dinner (Century of Flight Hangar)

- ☞ 5th CCG museum display opening
- ☞ 5th CCG anniversary video
- ☞ Guest speaker: Gen. Walter Buchanan, 9th Air Force commander

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Maintainers keep refuelers in air

By Capt. Angela Smith
380th Air Expeditionary Wing
Public Affairs

SOUTHWEST ASIA – Temperatures can climb above 100 degrees in the desert daily.

On the flightline, it is about 10 to 30 degrees higher. In the avionics compartment of a jet, it is hot enough to “fry an egg,” said aircraft maintainers.

Yet they work around the clock to launch KC-135 Stratotanker and KC-10 Extender aircraft for refueling missions supporting the war against terrorism from a forward-deployed location.

“It’s a daily challenge to get the jets off the ground with a limited number of people,” said Senior Airman Michael Payne, a KC-10 crew chief from the 380th Expeditionary Aircraft Maintenance Squadron. “People launch one plane and literally run to another that’s landing. It’s like playing tag,”

Maintainers prepare the air-

craft before takeoff, oversee launch and then conduct recovery when the aircraft lands. These Airmen usually work in “float” shifts for 12 hours at a time.

An effective launch team or recovery team works together to quickly take care of incoming or outgoing KC-135s and KC-10s. After the aircraft lands, the recovery team tows the plane using a vehicle called a UKE, which can pull as much as 595,000 pounds.

“My first priority is safety of the plane,” said Senior Airman Sean Dodson on his role as a tow supervisor with the 380th EAMXS. “I take initial charge of it once it lands. Everyone works together as a team to get the job done.”

In fact, KC-135 maintainers with the 380th EAMXS have to cover an area spanning more than three miles, which can require up to 30 minutes of travel time to reach a plane and get back to their shop. Additionally, KC-135s make up 75 percent of the

launches from the base daily.

However, preparing a plane for a mission can take up to six hours or longer if problems arise. Aircraft maintainers are constantly working to resolve problems.

“Figuring out a problem is challenging,” said Senior Airman Candice Richardson, a KC-10 guidance and control specialist with the 380th EAMXS. “But I enjoy helping out and learning about other specialties.”

To ensure flight safety, aircraft maintainers are continuously critiqued by the strictest of standards, officials said.

“Air refueling doesn’t happen with jets and crews alone,” said Col. Jon VanGuilder, 380th Expeditionary Operations Group commander. “Everyone from maintainers to command post to transportation and services make it happen. When the air refueling pumps go on and fuel flows through the boom, it’s just the final step in the incredible dance that is ... air refueling.”



U.S. Air Force photo by Capt. Angela Smith

SOUTHWEST ASIA – Airman 1st Class Lacey Fontenot talks on her headset with other aircraft maintainers while preparing to launch a KC-10 Extender. She is an aerospace propulsion journeyman with the 380th Expeditionary Aircraft Maintenance Squadron at a forward-deployed location.

Hootie and the blowfish and New England Patriots cheerleaders to visit Robins’ Officers’ Club Tuesday

People at Robins will get the chance to meet with the rock band Hootie and the Blowfish and four New England Patriots cheerleaders Tuesday in the Georgia Room at the Officers’ Club from 11:30 – 12:30 p.m.

The band and the cheerleaders will hit the road to do a whirlwind tour of five Pacific Air Force bases through May 23.

Teaming with

Headquarters Pacific Air Forces at Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii, Air Force Reserve Command is co-sponsoring Operation Pacific Greetings, a rock and roll tour featuring the world-famous rockers, the cheerleaders, the Band of Air Force Reserve and the PACAF Band-Asia.

“This is going to be a great show for the folks supporting Pacific Air Forces,”

said Maj. Gen. John J. Batbie Jr., vice commander of Air Force Reserve Command. “These band tours are a great morale booster for our Total Air Force team – giving them a taste of home – and the feelings and reminders of our national culture and creative way of life.”

The tour is scheduled to perform at Kadena Air Base; Misawa AB and Yokota AB,

Japan; Kunsan AB, Korea; and Hickam .

The tour will cover about 15,440 miles round trip. The performers, technicians, support troops and about 40,000 pounds of equipment will get a lift from an Air Force cargo aircraft and a KC-10 Extender refueling and cargo aircraft.

– Air Force Reserve Command Public Affairs

ROBINS BULLETIN BOARD

To have an item listed in the bulletin board, send it to Ms. Angela Trunzo at angela.trunzo@robins.af.mil by 4 p.m. Monday prior to the Friday of intended publication.

We Love America

Robins Elementary School will present the 10th annual We Love America program tonight at 7 at the Museum of Aviation.

Teen volunteer opportunities

The American Red Cross is looking for teens, ages 14-19 with base access, who are interested in volunteering. The teens will be assigned to different squadrons and work 12-20 hours a week. The deadline for applications is today. Squadrons interested in participating in this program are also needed. For more information, call Ms. Mary Jennings or Ms. Wanda Andrews at 923-6332.

VFW Buddy Poppies

Members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6605 and Ladies Auxiliary will sell Buddy Poppies at Kmart, the Watson Boulevard Wal-Mart, the Russell Parkway Kroger and Winn-Dixie, today and Saturday, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. The proceeds will benefit disabled and less fortunate veterans and the widows and orphans of deceased veterans in the community.

Quarterly Awards ceremony

The Robins Quarterly Awards ceremony for the first quarter, hosted by Brig. Gen. Chris T. Anzalone, Center vice commander, will be Wednesday at 2 p.m. at the Museum of Aviation, Century of Flight Hangar. For more information, contact WR-ALC/CCC at 926-0792.

AFSA meeting

The Air Force Sergeants Association Chapter 404 will meet Wednesday at 3 p.m. at the NCO Club in ballroom B. For more information, call Master Sgt. Kevin Swogger at 926-5820 extension 101.

ASMC luncheon

The American Society of Military Comptrollers Middle Georgia chapter luncheon will be Thursday 11 a.m. at the Officers’ Club ballroom. The cost is \$7 for members and \$8 for non-members. This is the annual scholar-

ship luncheon. To purchase tickets, call Ms. Kathy Piper at 327-1410, Ms. Amy Galeazzo at 472-0381 or Ms. Betty Enge at 926-5485.

MPF limited manning

The Military Personnel Flight will have limited manning May 14-26 due to the Operation Readiness Inspection. All personnel services will be limited to emergencies only.

VFW show

Mr. Jim Craft will be at VFW Post 6605, 1011 Corder Rd., Warner Robins, May 14 - 15, from 8 p.m. to midnight. Mr. Craft’s plays rock and roll, oldies, and country and western. Tickets are on sale at the Post Home and will be available at the door for \$5. All proceeds go toward the support of the Carl Vinson Medical Center in Dublin and the Georgia War Veterans Home in Milledgeville. For more information, call 922-2154.

OSC luncheon

The Officers’ Spouses Club scholarship luncheon will be May 20 at 10 a.m. at the Officers’ Club.

Green onion advisory

A national advisory from the Food and Drug Administration warns that green onions and scallions, no matter where they were bought, should be washed and thoroughly cooked before being eaten. However, they can be eaten raw if purchased from domestic sources. Green onions from specific firms in Mexico are not to be procured until further notice from the FDA.

Tax Center

The Tax Center is now open on an appointment-only basis. To make an appointment, call the center at 926-2391 or 926-2635. Appointments will generally be scheduled for Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

5th MOB 40th anniversary

The 5th Combat Communications Group will celebrate 40 years of excellence this May. For more information on the anniversary and alumni reunion, go to www.robins.af.mil/5ccg/40thAnniversary/index.htm or call 1st Lt. Jason Fields at 926-2053.

Computer lab volunteers

Parent helpers are needed at the

Robins Elementary School computer lab. No experience is needed. To volunteer, contact Mrs. Underwood at 926-5003

Recycle printer ink cartridges

Empty printer ink cartridges from your home or office can be recycled by bringing them by the Robins Elementary School computer lab.

Red Cross needs volunteers

The Houston Middle Georgia Chapter of the American Red Cross needs volunteers for Robins’ clinics. The days and hours are Monday - Friday, 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. If interested, call Ms. Mary Jennings at 923-6332, Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Lost and found

A wallet, cell phone and three sets of keys have been found. To identify lost property, call Investigator Genis Hall, found property custodian, 78th Security Forces Investigations, at 926-5271.

Gate traffic

All southbound traffic on Ga. highway 247 may use Gate 1, 2, 5 or 14.

Zero Overpricing Program

The Zero Overpricing Program aims to reduce overpricing in Air Force acquisitions. If the current catalog price for an item is incorrect submit an AF Form 1046 to WR-ALC/PKPB, Attn: ZOP Monitor, 235 Byron St., Robins AFB, GA 31098. For more information, contact Ms. Cassandra Tharpe, WR-ALC/PKPB, at 926-7118 or visit <http://pkec.robins.af.mil/pr/pkpb.htm>.

Red Cross dental assistant volunteers needed

The 78th Dental Squadron is seeking trained Red Cross dental assistant volunteers. Individuals interested in updating their technical skills or just looking to volunteer should contact Master Sgt. Randy Wehrung at 327-8084.

Boy Scout Troop 220

Boy Scout Troop 220 meets every Tuesday night from 7 to 8:30 at 1082 Hawkinsville St. For more information, call Ms. Mary Pangborn at 929-5742 or Mr. Dennis Collier at 953-8124.

Parents: Teach your children about fire

Courtesy of the Base Fire Department

Each year children are victims of serious injuries and death due to fire. Parents have an important role in educating their children about fire safety.

Following, is an overview of items parents can cover with their children:

■ **Stop, drop and roll** - If your clothes catch on fire, stop, drop to the ground or floor and roll around until the fire is out.

■ **Exit drills in the home** - Make a plan for escaping a fire. The whole family should know at least two ways out. Agree on a meeting place outside to wait for the fire department.

If smoke is present, stay low and crawl, check each door for heat by using the back of your hand. If the door feels warm, use another route. If the door feels cool, open it carefully. Once outside, don’t go back in for any reason.

It’s important to make sure smoke detectors are working - test them monthly. Practice exit drills on a regular basis.

■ **Fire prevention in the kitchen** - Never leave cooking unattended; teach children the hazards of cooking - not only from fire but scalding liquids.

With smaller children, keep the area safe by enforcing a “kid free” three feet area around your range. Keep pets from underfoot when cooking. Keep potholders, dish-towels, curtains and other combustibles away from the range. Turn pot handles in so children can’t grab or bump

the handles. To smother a grease fire, carefully slide a lid over the pan and turn off the burner.

Never use water on a grease fire and be careful when using a fire extinguisher on a pan of burning grease - it could also spread the fire.

Always use potholders when removing food from the microwave. If anything catches on fire inside the microwave, keep the door closed and turn off or unplug the unit, but only if it can be done safely.

■ **Keep matches and lighters away from children** - Treat matches and lighters as you would treat a dangerous weapon: store them up high, out of children’s reach and sight.

■ **Fire reporting** - Teach children how to report an emergency. Explain the 911 operator will ask them to stay on the line and give their name, address, call back telephone number, and nature of the emergency. Teach your children to stay on the line until the operator tells them it is OK to hang up the phone.

■ **Burns** - Run cool water over a burn for about 15 minutes; never apply ointments or other greases to a burn. Seek medical attention as soon as possible.

With the help of parents teaching fire safety in and around the home, this can significantly reduce the number of injuries and deaths from fire.

If you have any questions, contact the fire prevention branch at 926-2145, or your local fire department for questions when residing off base.

Civil service veteran retires



U.S. Air Force photo by Ms. Sue Sapp

Mrs. Patsy Reeves, left, director of Contracting, presents a certificate of service to Mr. Joseph P. Gill April 28. His wife, Beverly, stands to the right. The information technology specialist retired May 1, after 44 years and 8 months of civil service – 24 of which were spent in the Contracting Directorate.

Program takes aim at seat belt awareness

By Tech. Sgt. Carl Norman
AFMC Public Affairs

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio – Two Air Force Materiel Command people not wearing seat belts and perishing in recent vehicle accidents prompted officials here to institute a seat belt awareness program across the command.

AFMC safety and security forces experts teamed to develop the program that started May 1. For 30 days, security forces members and other base people will check every day whether seat belts are being used at key locations to establish an initial trend analysis, according to John Sheehan, AFMC ground safety chief.

After the 30-day period, officials will conduct weekly seat belt checks and forward those results to the AFMC safety office monthly. Seat belt statistics will be briefed to Gen. Gregory S. Martin, AFMC commander, quarterly.

“This initiative is to encourage all AFMC people to use seatbelts and save the lives of our most valuable resource - our people,” General Martin said.

“One fatality is too many and our hearts go out to the families who lost loved ones,” Mr. Sheehan said. “The Air Force, by regulation, requires people to wear seat belts and shoulder harnesses while driving or riding in a car; and despite the safety education, some continue to ignore that.”

And ignoring the common sense, and more importantly the mandatory requirement is “unacceptable,” said General Martin.

In addition to saving lives, wearing seat belts could keep you out of legal hot water. Command security forces members have been green lighted to record seat belt use on citations for other violations.

For example, if a member is stopped for speeding, the security forces patrol will also record seat belt use or non use. Command security forces experts said this will help determine general seat belt usage and also highlight an additional violation if the member is non-compliant.

Additionally, security forces members will make sure signs are posted at each installation entry control point stating seatbelts are mandatory for all vehicle occupants.

“Wearing a seat belt is the law on military installations and in most states, and because it’s the law, we’re going to enforce it,” said Col. Cheryl Dozier, AFMC security forces chief.

“We can’t afford to lose people to something so preventable. We can’t control several other factors when we’re on the road, but deciding to wear a seat belt is something we can control.”

Mr. Sheehan said the program’s goal is not to get anyone in trouble by their not using seat belts, but rather emphasize safety, especially with the 101 Critical Days of summer right around the corner.

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Airmen help provide local families Christmas in April

The 51st Combat Communications Squadron’s Weather Systems Flight was among several teams from Robins to take part in the annual “Christmas in April” event that helped repair more than 40 homes in Warner Robins.

The flight and one member from the 54th Combat Communications Squadron spent April 24 conducting repairs on a house selected by the Christmas in April committee. The team was responsible for evaluating the house, identifying work to be completed and purchasing supplies.

The day before the annual workday, the team caulked and repaired cracks and holes in walls and pressure washed the exterior of the house.

Several inside rooms were painted along with outside windows and overhangs. The grass was cut, large trees and bushes were trimmed and leaves were raked. The team also replaced window screens and installed a security peephole in the front door.

There were a few jobs beyond the team’s skill level - such as plumbing and electrical work. The 78th Civil Engineering Squadron completed those critical tasks.

Servicemembers from the Air Force Reserve Command, 116th Air Control Wing, 78th Air Base Wing and 116th Air Control Wing also participated in the project.

– Staff Sgt. Elan Emanuel

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Funding a brighter future

Base Education Office helps military get education while serving

By Ms. Holly J. Logan
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Getting an education while serving one’s country full-time can be challenging sometimes, but Mrs. Cathy Touey said the base education office is making the process easier for military servicemembers at Robins.

Daily Mrs. Touey, military tuition assistance specialist for the Base Education Office, along with Ms. Sharon Page, administrative assistant, helps more than 100 active duty military afford to earn an education through the Military Tuition Assistance Program.

“There are different programs for active duty military members to go to school,” she said. “They can

activate their GI Bill and use it by itself. But with the opportunity to use tuition assistance, most military use tuition assistance to pay for their education.”

The Base Education Office provides active duty military and reservists who have been activated at least 180 days up to \$250 per semester hour or up to \$166 per quarter hour with tuition assistance not to exceed \$4,500 per year.

While the 41-year-old military spouse and mother of four, who has been working for the office since 2001, said the responsibility of getting military members’ tuition assistance requests through the Air Force Automated Education Management System in a timely manner can weigh heavily on her mind, it’s a job that brings

What to know

The Base Education Office offers active duty military members up to \$4,500 each fiscal year to fund their college education. Airmen must complete AF Form 1227 and return it to Suite 113 in Building 905 Mondays through Fridays, between 7 a.m and 4:30 p.m. For more information, contact Ms. Cathy Touey, military tuition assistance specialist, at 327-7303.

great satisfaction. “When you have Georgia Military College and all the local schools registering at the same it can sometimes be hard to get (all the tuition assistance forms) in on time,” she said. “Even when there are problems though, it’s nice to get to talk to the



U.S. Air Force photo by Ms. Sue Sapp

Mrs. Cathy Touey, military tuition assistance specialist since 2001, processes applicants’ requests for classes. She has the responsibility of getting military members’ tuition assistance requests through the Air Force Automated Education Management System.

members and answer their questions. I like to be able to put their minds at ease and make registration a little easier for them.” Mrs. Touey said just as

each person at Robins works together to make the base a better place, her office comes together to give its military opportunity to improve. “Everything everybody

does here plays a part in the mission,” she said. “Our office gives people a chance to get an education - which is always a benefit to anybody.”



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Leaning processes with pollution prevention

By Mr. Steve Coyle
Center Environmental Management director

You may be thinking, “Why does Environmental Management need to get involved in Lean? An environmental review would just add time and cost to a process.”

Well, in addition to the value of cleaner air and water, we can help in many ways. After all, we’ve been doing Lean for the past 15 years - it’s just that we called it Pollution Prevention or P2.



Mr. Steve Coyle

The Lean-P2 connection

As you probably know, Lean looks at a process and tries to find ways to make it easier to do our jobs. We want to walk less, wait less, plan better, and have parts when needed. We want to improve productivity by eliminating “waste.” Similarly, P2 looks at a process and tries to find ways to make environmental and productivity improvements.

P2 improvements are often measured in terms of fewer (or safer) hazardous chemicals, less pollution (that is, waste), and less compliance paperwork - in essence, those are actually process improvements.

You can see that the two programs aren’t very differ-

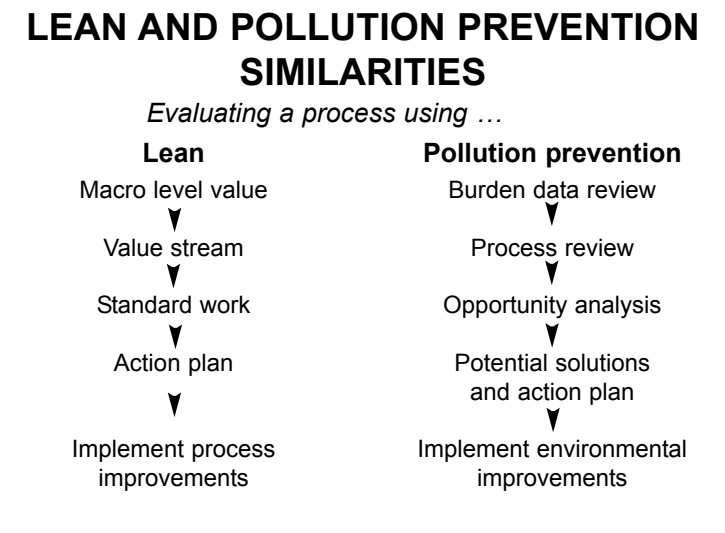
ent except in what they target for waste. Lean eliminates time wasted in non-value added tasks to allow more time to do your job. P2 eliminates hazardous materials, not just because they end up as emissions, but because they may require PPE and recordkeeping - both of which add time and cost to a job.

Efficient processes use less energy and raw materials, thus reducing per-unit production and disposal costs. Because of those similarities, we decided to “marry” the programs a few years ago. So, how is the marriage going?

It has been busy - you have probably seen our representatives participating in events. In the past year, we reviewed more than 200 events and were involved in nearly half. Our level of involvement depended on the potential impact to the Environmental, Safety, and Occupational Health aspects of the workplace. We determine potential ESOH impacts by attending events or talking to facilitators. If there is great potential for ESOH impacts, EM helps lead or facilitate events. It’s far easier for us to identify such problems up front than to find out you were in non-compliance later.

Importance

For example, one of the Lean events resulted in moving the F-15 conformal fuel tank maintenance to a new location. From a Lean prospective, the move made sense - the new area had



space, trained mechanics, and capacity. The P2 partner identified the ESOH impact that would result by using a new chemical in the proposed location. By identifying this issue early in the Lean process, the P2 partner eliminated a potential compliance problem.

That example was where Lean led and P2 supported, but that’s not always the case. It’s common for P2 to make processes more efficient through Process Specific Opportunity Assessments. P2 improvements often substitute a material or change the process to reduce ESOH impact. You should be familiar with past problems with Methylene Chloride and MEK. P2 material substitution projects identified less toxic chemicals. Wait, that’s not the end of the story. P2 also examines new technologies to determine if they can have a positive environmental and production impact.

Benefits

For example, teaming

with our Maintenance Directorate partners, there is a new system called Flashjet in B180 that uses high intensity light to safely strip paint off radomes with the bonus of less damage to the component due to stripping and sanding. Other examples of P2 leading change with a positive Lean impact:

- New room temperature vulcanizing adhesives for avionics and gyro shops with lower VOC content and shorter curing times.
- Powder coating in B150 to reduce flow days and conventional paint usage in coating operations.

The list of process and technology changes could go on, but you might be most familiar with our work in HazMat management. If you’re a shop worker, you’re concerned with getting what you want, when you want it, in a size you can use, and how far you go to get it.

But ESOH regulations require us to properly store and track chemicals - where, how much, use - which resulted in HazMat pharma-

cies. From a regulatory viewpoint, that is ideal with the controlled area and the data tracking computer. But our Lean partner determined there was a considerable amount of time going back and forth to the pharmacy. The Lean analysis at the B140 wing shop showed nearly 900 trips a week to the pharmacy. If a trip covers 600 feet and takes 10 minutes, then just getting chemicals each week took 100 miles and 150 hours. The Lean solution - point of use cabinets which store small quantity and low risk chemicals in work areas. Trips reduced to less than 100 per week - roughly 90 fewer miles and 130 fewer hours. Since then, more than 60 such cabinets have been put in the aircraft areas alone.

Future

Now we’re looking at the process from start to finish. Having a cabinet in the work area won’t do a lot of good if we can’t get the proper, fresh chemicals on time in the first place. To help improve the situation, Lean and P2 got together once again - EM, MA, and the Contracting Directorate are lining up a prime vender supplier. It doesn’t stop there. We’re looking at streamlining HazWaste management too, Leaning cradle to grave.

Caution

Our Lean partners are pleased with less walking to reach the Pharmacy, and we still get necessary report

data. But Lean changes, such as the cabinets, are being re-evaluated for ESOH compliance. The Partnership must benefit both production and compliance. Shop supervisors and workers are still responsible for compliance, even if Lean sometimes reduces ESOH “fail safe mechanisms.” The new procedures must be compliant even without rigid ESOH command and control. One of our recent inspections turned up several improperly stored containers resulting from - hard to believe - a 6S event. The last thing I want to see is reversing our Lean and P2 progress by reverting to more restrictions as in days past.

Please get us involved to avoid problems later. We’ve only scratched the surface of what Lean and P2 can do together. Robins has an excellent environmental compliance record; EM will ensure it stays that way. At the same time, the Lean and P2 partnership results in tremendous process improvements which enhance our future competitiveness. As testament to that, Robins was just announced as a winner of the prestigious White House Closing the Circle Award and the Secretary of Defense Environmental Award competitions.

If there is some technology or process you want us to look at, please call 926-9645.

You have been thinking Lean for some time. Now, I hope it will be second nature to think Lean and green.

Commander's Action Line

Col. Tom Smoot
Commander,
78th Air Base Wing

Action Line is an open door program for Robins Air Force Base personnel to ask questions, make suggestions or give kudos to make Robins a better place to work and live.

Please remember that the most efficient and effective way to resolve a problem or complaint is to directly contact the organization responsible. This gives the organization a chance to help you, as well as a chance to improve their processes.

To contact the Action Line, call 926-2886 day or night, or for quickest response e-mail to one of the following addresses: If sending from a military e-mail system select, Robins Commanders Action Line from the Global Address List. If sending from a commercial e-mail account (AOL, AT+T, CompuServe, Earthlink, etc.), use action.line@robins.af.mil.

Readers can also access Action Line by visiting the Robins AFB homepage at <https://www.mil.robins.af.mil/actionline.htm>. Please include your name and a way of reaching you so we can provide a direct response.

Action Line items of general interest to the Robins community will be printed in the Rev-Up. Anonymous Action Lines will not be processed.

Security Forces.....	327-3445
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Housing Office.....	926-3776

Commander’s call well done

Well done! This venue is so much better than taking down a hangar for two weeks or more. And it shows the value of our community partnership. I have a couple of suggestions to improve the next call. First, the sound was still bad. The speakers were not appropriate for the setting. We need better speakers next time, preferably those already in the Civic Center. Secondly, anyone could have walked in there. I suggest you check IDs again at the door.

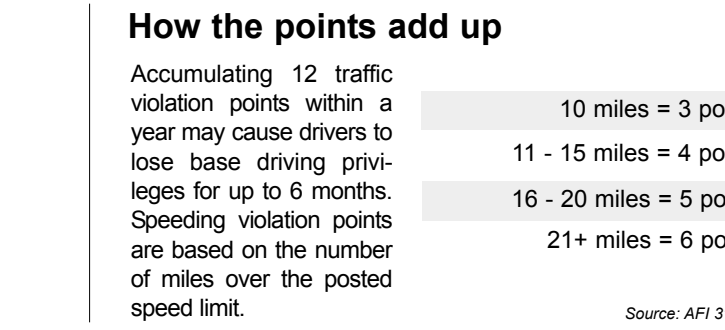
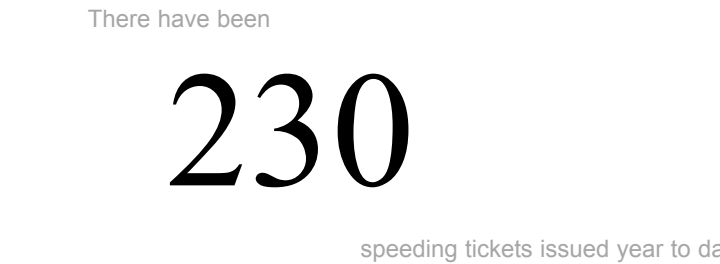
Commander replies: The 78th Communications Squadron strives for excellence in public address support every time we provide it.

Regrettably, we often face certain constraints that require us to balance sound quality with site limitations. In the case of the Civic Center, we were not permitted to plug into the house speakers without going through their equipment and the risk of damage to equipment (theirs and ours) was deemed unacceptable. While we do have higher quality speakers, the layout of the Civic Center and the stage extension prevented us from being able to utilize them due to excessive feedback from the lapel

microphone being used. Therefore, the monitors were judged the best alternative.

Your suggestion on having augmentees check IDs at the door was an option, however, we decided to set up a corridor from the buses to the auditorium. Entrances were controlled and secured; sometimes our tactics are intentionally not readily visible. We did however, allow handicap individuals and others who drove and parked with base IDs in a side door rather than making them walk around the building to the front entrance. We appreciate your feedback and will continue to work aggressively to provide the best possible support to Team Robins.

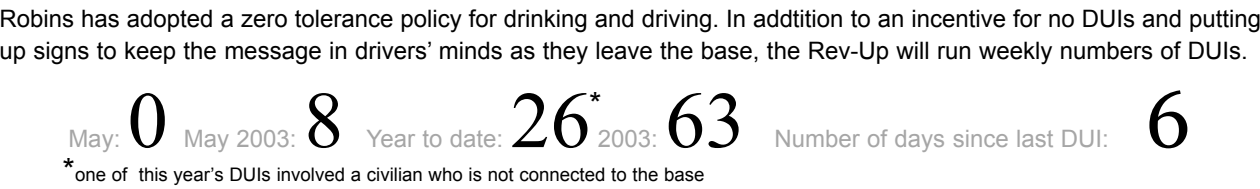
Remember to slow down



Airmen Against Drunk Drivers is a 24-hour-service that provides rides to those who have consumed alcohol and need transportation home. The program is run by volunteers from across base, and those who use the service aren’t subject to adverse action.

To request a ride, call: 335-5218, 335-5238 and 335-5236.

Robins DUI tracker



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Millwright shop employees are Jacks of all trades

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Mr. Floyd Mixon loves his job. Why else would the 65-year-old millwright still get a twinkle in his eye when he and his co-workers describe their trade?

"I love seeing big things move," said the 38-year-millwright veteran. "We can do almost anything."

A millwright is a mechanic who builds mills, or sets up machinery. But one look inside the Robins millwright shop shows the job of the 17 member crew involves much more.

"A millwright on the outside installs equipment, but being government employees we go a step beyond that," said Mr. Bill Johnson, millwright shop supervisor. "The millwright is a jack of all trades."

What to know

The millwright shop is tasked with most of the installation of new equipment on base. When a contractor does the installation they perform the foundation work. The millwright shop is located in Building 321.

The crew of the millwright shop, a division of Plant Services, proves that every day installing, erecting and maintaining base machinery, moving equipment and more.

According to Mr. Johnson, many think the millwright's job is a lost art in a world of state-of-the-art gadgetry. Somewhere between high and low tech, the tools of their trade include jackhammers and backhoes, but still requires precision.

Where a string line and a level were once enough to get by, these men now use laser levels and other advanced equipment to ensure foundations are precisely built to stabilize the sensitive equipment they support.

In addition to constructing foundations for machinery, the crew must be able to read layout plans, blueprints and other drawings in their industrial environment. They also dismantle and align machines and equipment.

"We are actually called metal structure mechanics, but we like the old term millwright," said Mr. Johnson. "It's something we have clung onto for years and don't want to give it up. Even though the title has changed, the work is still pretty much the same. It's just a little more extensive."

Day-to-day work orders range from installing guardrails to climbing hundreds of feet off the ground to construct bridge cranes. In fact, their work is so extensive that Base Housing is the only area they don't enter.

Mr. Ashley Holder a member of the crew for three years said he loves doing something different every day.

"We do a little bit of everything," he said. "I love the challenges and the variety. One day we could be digging holes, the next moving office partitions."

Mr. Robert Hollar agrees.

A millwright for 17 years, he said he loves making big things fit, and going on tours of duty when the need arises.

Just recently they made a trip to Dyess Air Force Base, Texas, to assemble a set of wing stands for a C-130.

When a big floating platform fell on top of a C-130, guess who was called in to remove it.

"Even though moving equipment is a standard, easy thing to do, you don't know whether the equipment will be bigger than a dump truck or the size of a wall fan--you just don't know," said Mr. Johnson.

One unique job they've done was the year-long installation of a machine center inside Building 140.

They began by digging a hole 14-feet deep inside the building while the shops around it were still working.

"That was the most gratifying job I've had since I've been in government," said Mr. Johnson.

It was a job that contractors wouldn't take without closing the shops surrounding it because of liability, and the job involved taking a huge excavator inside the building and backing dump trucks down the aisles.

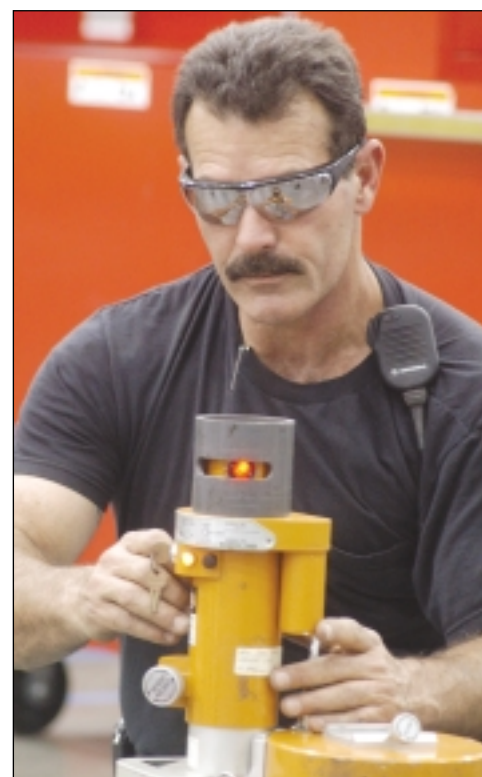
"We worked at night because there were fewer people, but we developed quite a rapport with those who were there," said Mr. Johnson. "They got to where they would help us move things out of the way when they saw us coming."



U.S. Air Force photos by Ms. Sue Sapp



Top, Mr. Ken Zwitich and Mr. Buck Roland, metal structure mechanics, use lifts to check out a building's beams. Above, Mr. Ashley Holder, metal structure mechanic, slides 3-inch metal tubing onto a metal saw to be cut for the construction of guard rails.



Mr. Robert Hollar, metal structure mechanic, calibrates a laser leveler used to assure everything is in a perfect line.

While finishing a big job like that one is one of the things that make the job great, danger is always in the equation.

"We always have to be safety conscious," said Mr. Johnson. "We work with

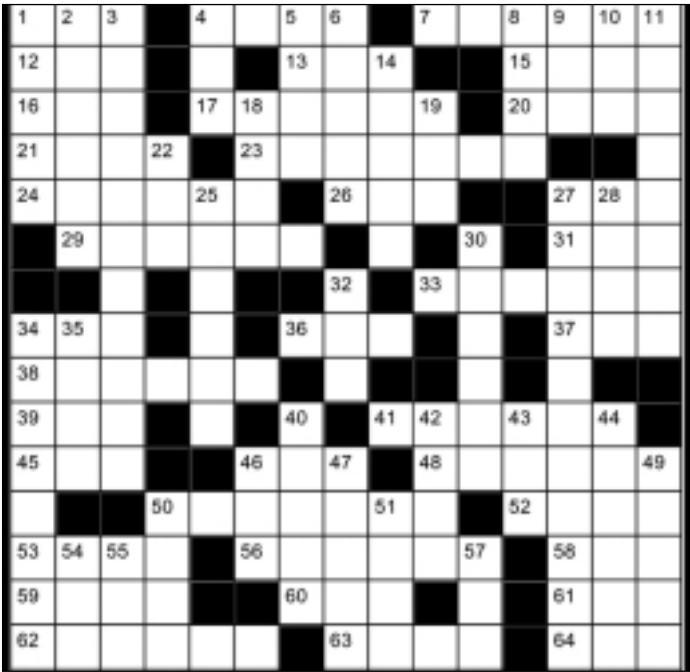
power tools -- heavy things. And, we're off the ground a lot, so safety is paramount. We have to remind ourselves of that every day."

Mr. Mixon, the senior member of the crew, said he loves the fact the job isn't

confined to one area all the time.

"It's different daily," he said. You never know what you are going to be doing from one day to the next. I'm just glad to do my part to support the Air Force mission."

CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Honoring Asian Pacific American Heritage

By 1st Lt. Tony Wickman
Alaskan Command Public Affairs

- ACROSS
1. Asian architect of Vietnam Memorial

4. First Asian-American woman to hold a presidential cabinet post

7. Antelope

12. Asian-American musician/performance artist married to Lennon

13. Israeli machine gun

15. Saga

16. Dupe

17. Place for the car

20. Odyssey

21. Writer Vonnegut

23. Actress Lucy of Xena

24. Shoe item

26. Internet provider

27. Asian-American writer of "The Joy Luck Club"

29. Trust account

31. Tarzan once

33. Ski

34. Type of fish

36. Chinese-American actor/director Bruce

37. Military abbrev. for date to leave service

38. Peaks

39. Japanese currency

41. Foreigner in Japan

45. Tolkien character

46. Pub brew

48. Stadiums

50. Having two opposite or contradictory ideas or natures

52. Type of USAF Sgt.

53. Dog food brand

56. Tibetan guide on Himalayan expedition

58. '70s musical group ____ Na Na

59. High time?

60. Era

61. Charged particle

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63. Asian-American entrepreneur, co-founder of Yahoo.com

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2. Asian-American leader who helped establish APA Heritage
3. Foreigner
4. Sprocket
5. Glow
6. Chinese music director of the Boston Symphony Orchestra
8. Dogs and cats
9. Foreign address
10. Chinese-American actress Lucy of Charlie's Angels
11. Military abbrevs.
14. Frozen house?
18. Singing voice
19. Snakelike fish
22. Love, in short
25. Deleted
27. Movement of objects by scientifically inexplicable means
28. Much
30. Potion
32. Chinese-American architect of glass pyramid of the Louvre
34. First U.S. governor of Filipino ancestry
35. Ajar
40. Greeting in Hawaii
42. Retired person's org.
43. Chinese action movie star Li
44. Movie snack
46. USAF unit responsible for tactical airlift (abbrev.)
47. Sorrowful song
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55. Country on the Baltic Sea (abbrev.)
57. Director Lee of Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon

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1. First Chinese-American

For puzzle solution, see May 14 edition of the Rev-Up

Puzzle solution for April 30



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An expanded look at Robins through the lens of a camera.
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FAMILY SUPPORT CENTER

Family Support Center sponsored classes, workshops, and seminars are open to all Team Robins personnel and their eligible family members. The FSC is located on Ninth Street in Building 794. For additional information, or to make a reservation, call 926-1256.

TAP workshop

The next three-day Department of Labor sponsored Transition Assistance Program Workshop will be Monday – Wednesday, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., each day, Smith Community Center ballroom. Personnel leaving the military within the next six months need to sign up as soon as possible. Spouses are encouraged to attend. Reservations are taken on first-come, first-served basis within the appropriate separation or retirement dates.

Smooth move

The next Smooth Move workshop will be Wednesday, 8:30 a.m. - noon., Building 905, Room 159. This workshop is designed for Air Force members on the move.

Community tour

The FSC community tour for all Team Robins members and their eligible family members, will be Wednesday, 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Meet at the center.

Interviewing strategies

Interviewing strategies will be

offered Thursday, 8 - 10:30 a.m., Building 905, Room 138.

Resume writing class

There will be a Federal Resume Writing class Thursday, 1:30 - 4 p.m., Building 905, Room 138.

The class is aimed at helping military personnel prepare a better document to meet the specific and unique requirements when applying for federal employment.

Advanced registration is required.

UNISERV Thrift savings plan briefing

There will be a briefing on UNISERV Thrift Saving Plan May 14, 1 - 2:30 p.m., Building 905, Room 127. A new open season period is underway, and members may elect to participate in the plan or to increase their contributions. Now you may contribute from 1 percent to 9 percent of basic pay. For more information, go to www.tsp.gov.

Resume and cover letter

There will be a Resume and Cover Letter Workshop May 19, 9 - 11 a.m., Building 945, FSC annex.

Sponsorship training

The center will offer sponsorship training for both beginner and experienced sponsors May 20, 2 - 3:30 p.m., Building 945, FSC annex. The training provides information on

what types of information to send to the PCSing member and where to obtain it; different ways to communicate with the inbound member; and sponsors are given vital information regarding his or her responsibilities to the newly assigned member and their family, if applicable.

Return & reunion survival tips

The FSC will offer how-to's and survival tips to negotiate the challenges and stages of reuniting with the ones you love May 21, 9 -10 a.m. , Building 945, FSC annex.

Job fair

The FSC and the Georgia Department of Labor will host a job fair June 4, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., at the Museum of Aviation, Century of Flight Hangar. More than 50 employers are expected to attend. The job fair is open to veterans, Team Robins members, eligible family members and the middle Georgia community. Bring your resume and come dressed to interview.

Career focus

Career Focus provides ways for military spouses and family members, and displaced DoD civilian personnel to identify skills and interest, plan careers, improve job search skills, and increase opportunities for employment or a career change. For more information about career concerns or to schedule an appointment, call the FSC at 926-1256.

SERVICES BRIEFS

Civilian Recreation

Bring the family to the movie in the park Saturday at 8 p.m. (or when dark) to watch “Toy Story.” Moviegoers may bring lawn chairs and blankets. Cost is free and concessions will be available. For more information, call Ms. Lynne Brackett at 922-4415.

Play Mother’s Day Bingo at the Base Restaurant Sunday for higher payouts and door prizes. Both paper packages and power bingo will be available. Doors open at 5 p.m. and games start at 7 p.m. Food fair will be open.

Enlisted Club

The Press Box is open for express lunch Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and for dinner from 6 to 9 p.m. on Saturdays. Special includes two-for-one prime rib for \$16.95 along with an a la carte menu. Reservations are welcome, but not required. For more information, call 926-4515.

Queen for the Day Mother’s Day brunch will be held Sunday from 10 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Cost is \$8.95 members, \$3.95 kids and kids 5 years old and

younger, free.

Air Force Services officials rolled out a new program offering half-price monthly club memberships to enlisted ranks Airmen basic through senior airmen. Airmen basic through senior airmen dues are now \$4.

Library

Start climbing your family tree with a beginning genealogy and family history class May 17 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in Building 905, Room 139. Participants will receive guidance and advice on their ancestry. Registration is required. To sign up and for more information call Ms. Betsy Miller at 327-7381 or e-mail her at betsy.miller@robins.af.mil.

Officers’ Club

Members celebrating May birthdays are entitled to a \$10 birthday dinner coupon to use the evening of their choice at the club. Please notify the server on duty to take advantage of this club membership benefit.

Show mom she’s the best with a Mother’s Day buffet Sunday from 10

a.m. to 2 p.m. Cost is \$13.95 members and \$14.95 nonmembers.

A Boss n’ Buddy night will be held Wednesday at 5 p.m. at the Wellston (behind the Officers’ Club). A trivia contest will be held with a prize given for the unit with the most participating members. Call the club at 926-2670 for more details.

Skills Development Center

Clip the military appreciation days coupons in the May Edge magazine to receive four free hours of shop time at the auto shop, four free hours in the wood shop and 20 percent off in the skills development center

Youth Center

Registration for summer specialty camps will be held in May with camps beginning June 14. Camps are open to children, ages 9 - 14 years old, and will be held from 7 a.m. - 5 p.m. Cost includes breakfast, lunch and an afternoon snack. Price is \$90 per week with the exception of the week of July 4, which will be \$80. For more information, call 926-2110.

CHAPEL SERVICES

Catholic Masses are celebrated at the chapel each Saturday at 5:30 p.m., Sunday at 9:30 a.m., and on Holy Days of Obligation at noon and 5 p.m. and Monday through Friday at noon. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is on Saturday from 4:30-5:15 p.m.

Protestant General Services take place every Sunday at 11 a.m. This service includes some traditional and contemporary worship styles in music and in format.

Protestant Inspirational Services take place every Sunday at 8 a.m.

Protestant Contemporary Services take place 11 a.m. each Sunday at the Base Theater. This service is very informal, with a praise team assisting in singing and includes both traditional and contemporary styles of music and worship.

Jewish service time is each Friday at 6:15 p.m. at the Macon synagogue. Islamic Friday Prayer (Jumuah) is Fridays at 2 p.m. in the chapel annex Rooms 1 and 2.

The chapel helps with spiritual needs that arise. For further information, call the chapel at 926-2821.

LEAVE/TRANSFER

The following people have been approved as participants in the leave transfer program.

Ms. Eve King, 78th MSG/DPCCB. Point of contact is Mr. Robert Reddish at 926-3805 extension 172.

Mr. Thomas J. Willcox, WR-ALC/LGED. Point of contact is Ms. Gloria Hurt at 926-3010.

Ms. Laura Amos Bennet, WR-ALC/LUJH. Point of contact is Ms. Jeannine Candelaria at 926-9333.

Employee-relations specialists at 926-5307 or 926-5802 have information and instructions concerning requests to receive or donate annual leave. To have an approved leave recipient printed in the Rev-Up, directorates should send information to Angela Trunzo at angela.trunzo@robins.af.mil. Submissions run for two weeks.

MOVIE SCHEDULE

Adult tickets are \$3; children (11 years old and younger) tickets are \$2. For more information, call the Base Theater at 926-2919.

Friday
7:30 p.m. – Scooby Doo 2: Monsters Unleashed – Michelle Gellar and Freddie Prinze Jr.



An anonymous masked villain wreaks mayhem on the city of Coolsville with a monster machine that re-creates classic Mystery Inc. foes like the Pterodactyl Ghost, the Black Knight and the 10,000 Volt Ghost. Under pressure from the terrified citizens of Coolsville, the gang launches an investigation into the mysterious monster outbreak that leaves Shaggy and Scooby questioning their roles in Mystery Inc.

Rated PG (some scary action, rude humor and language) 87 minutes

Saturday
7:30 p.m. – The Passion of the Christ – Jim Caviezel and Maia Morgenstern

Over the last 12 hours of Christ’s life, he is betrayed by Judas Iscariot and is condemned to death for blasphemy. He is brought before Pontius Pilate for sentencing. The roaring crowd demand his death, so Pilate orders his crucifixion. Jesus is severely beaten and made to carry his cross up to Golgotha, the hill outside Jerusalem, where he is nailed to the cross.



This movie is shown with English subtitles.

Rated R (sequences of graphic violence) 127 minutes

SPORTS BRIEFS

Bowling Center

Every Thursday in May is wheel of fortune day. Bowlers may spin the wheel to determine how much they will pay for each game.

Golf Course

Morning and evening Link Up 2 Golf classes will be held throughout May for \$99 per person. The Link Up 2 Golf curriculum, designed and sponsored by Professional Golf of America, is considered the most comprehensive lesson series ever created. For more information and class hours, call 926-4103. No federal endorsement of sponsor intended.

Putt for the green every Thursday from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Cost is \$2 for one putt or \$3 for two putts. Sink at least a 70-foot putt and receive a \$100 gift certificate. The prize fund will increase \$50 for each week that no putts are sunk. If no one sinks a putt, a consolation prize of five free cart rentals and a free lunch will be awarded. For more information, call 926-4103 or 922-4415.

A Mother’s Day special will be held all month long. Ladies can golf Monday through Thursday for \$17. The special includes 18 holes, golf car and green fee.

Outdoor Recreation

Swim lessons registration will begin May 19 at Equipment Rental, Building 914. Lessons will take place at Crestview pool. Classes will be held June 8 - 18; June 22 - July 2; July 6 - 16; and July 20 - 30. Cost for “Mommy & Me” toddler class (ages 2 and 3 years) is \$30 per child. For beginner, intermediate and advanced classes (ages 4-13 years) the cost is \$40 per child. All fees are due at time of registration. For more information, call 926-4001.

Smith Community Center

Celebrate Armed Forces Day with America’s Kids Run to be held May 15 at 9 a.m. Children ages 5 - 13 can participate in a safe, interactive run to build self-esteem and fitness. Events will include a half-mile and a two-mile run/walk, javelin throw, standing long jump and soccer goal kick. All finishers will receive a T-shirt and a certificate of participation. To register, call 926-2105 or go online to www.robins.af.mil/ services.

Soccer tryouts

Sacred Heart Select Soccer tryouts for 9 and 10 year olds will be June 1 and 3 at Pearl Stephens Elementary soccer field, 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. Tryouts for 12 and 13 year olds will be June 14 and 15 at Pearl Stephens Elementary soccer field, 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. Players need a parent or guardian to register and should bring shin guards, cleats, water and a soccer ball. For more information, call Ms. Miranda Griggs at 967-3324 or 320-4961.

No more excuses, it’s time to get in shape

Fitness Center, Health and Wellness Center educate Robins through May Fitness Month

By Ms. Holly J. Logan
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If you’ve been putting off that New Year’s resolution to get fit, National Fitness Month may be the best time to make that goal a priority.

The Fitness Center and Health and Wellness Center are working together through June 11 to educate people about the importance of an active lifestyle, no matter what age.

“We’re trying to use this time as a time of education,” Ms. Lesley Sparks, director of the Fitness Center, said.

“We’re providing a variety of classes for everyone on base to learn more about fitness, exercise and nutrition.”

Throughout the month, classes on nutritional supplements, learning proper food portions and exercise for all ages to help ease them into a healthier lifestyle will be offered.

“The variety of activities and exercises will give people a variety of ways to enjoy (working out),” Ms. Sparks said. “Statistics show that if people enjoy (exercise), they’re more likely to do it.”

Mr. James Martin, fitness program manager at the HAWC, said the month’s events go beyond teaching physical fitness to teaching overall well being.

What to know

Former President Ronald Reagan designated May as national fitness month in 1983 in an effort to encourage Americans to become more physically active.



U.S. Air Force file photo by Ms. Sue Sapp

Derrick Iwanenko works out on a rowing machine at the Fitness Center. May is National Fitness Month.

“Fitness month is a celebration and appreciation of wellness,” he said. “A lot of people think about the physical during this time, but we at the HAWC focus on teaching people what it takes to have

overall wellness.”

People are encouraged to complete a physical assessment survey at the Fitness Center or the HAWC and meet with staff members to determine what wellness program is

Fitness month events

Most activities will be held at the center unless noted. Some activities require advance sign-up. For complete details and schedule of events call the center at 926-2128 or the Health and Wellness Center at 327-8480 or go online at www.robins.af.mil/ services.

Outdoor obstacle course - unit competition, today at 3 p.m.

Kids yoga, Saturday, 10 - 10:30 a.m.

Senior Tae bo, Monday, 10 - 11 a.m.

Fitness Fundamentals and Weight Loss seminar, Tuesday, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Seniors and Exercise seminar, Wednesday, 11 a.m. - noon

Belly dancing, Wednesday, noon - 12:45 p.m.

Back screenings with Dr. Neil Schwartz, Thursday, 11 a.m.- noon. Fitness Month Bingo will be held throughout May and June for active duty, retirees, reservists and their family members and DoD civilian members of the center.

right for them.

May Fitness Month events are open to all people with valid base identification cards and does not require a Fitness Center membership for participation.

Ms. Lesley Sparks
director of the Fitness Center

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Doing what comes naturally

Child development assistant sheds 150 pounds – no surgery, no drugs

By Mrs. Chrissy Zdrakas
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Her size 28 pants and more than 150 extra pounds are gone, replaced by a size 16 and a new lease on life. Mrs. Irish N. Frederick, 35, of Byron, Ga., is slimmer, fitter and “lookin’ good.”

The classroom program assistant at Robins’ Child Development Center lost weight by changing her diet and exercising four to five days a week at the Robins Fitness Center.

Her motivation was declining health. Swollen feet, high blood pressure, the start of a hernia, fatigue and problems with digestion led her to her doctor.

She was 5’5” inches tall and weighed 348 pounds. Her doctor’s advice - lose weight.

“I was constantly sick,” she said. “I realized I had to do something about my weight.”

Not the least of her concerns was her husband and three daughters ages 17, 13 and 12.

How she did it

Mrs. Frederick replaced carbonated drinks with water, cut fried foods, fast foods, bread, snack cakes and cookies from her diet. She began grilling instead of frying and ate baked fish, steamed vegetables and rice. Her family quickly adapted to the diet, and they are eating healthier, too, she said.

She also introduced herself to daily workouts of two or more hours of both aerobic and circuit training.

“I started seeing results within about three months,” she said. I had gotten down to a 22/24 – two dress sizes. I thought to myself ‘this is lookin’ good’ and it motivated me even more.

“At first, I felt uncomfortable in the fitness center,” she said. “I walked into the gym and saw all these little bitty ladies. I wore an old tee shirt and baggy sweat pants, and I always kept a jacket on. I even used the old side of the gym because there were fewer people there. But I didn’t let anything deter me.”

One day she spotted a couple of other overweight women at the gym, formed friendships and found herself feeling more comfortable in the fitness center setting. Gradually, she developed a friendship with one of the women, who gave her point-



Courtesy photo

Mrs. Irish N. Frederick, who once weighed more than 300 pounds, was told by her doctor to lose weight.

ers about weight machines. Mrs. Irish concentrated on toning her arms, thighs, calves, waist and other areas.

The impact

Friends, co-workers and members of her church started to notice the changes, first in her weight, then in her dress, hair and makeup.

“You always had a pretty smile, but you look so beautiful now,” friends told her. Or she would hear, “Is that you Miss Irish?” from the church’s young people. The support was a great encouragement for her.

“I never realized how much my weight loss impacted other people,” she said. “They see me constantly, but still tell me I look good. Someone thought my 17-year-old and I were sisters.”

Her blood pressure is under control without medication, and her proud doctor told her she had “beaten the odds.” She wears lipstick, had her hair cut and changed the way she dresses.

“I wear jeans now. I haven’t worn jeans since high school. Now I can go into a store, and I don’t have to worry. I buy something, take it home and it looks good. When I was bigger, I wasn’t even able to get a leg into one of my husband’s jeans. Now I can wear them.”

Ms. Pam Martinez, director of Robins’ Child Development Center East, said Mrs. Frederick was always an “energetic, upbeat, happy person.”

“I remember one day when one of our parents was walking down the hall,” Ms. Martinez said. “Mrs. Irish was in a room dancing with the children. Even though she had the weight, she was still very active.” (The chil-



U.S. Air Force photo by Ms. Sue Sapp

Today, Mrs. Frederick exercises four to five days a week at the Fitness Center, drinks water and eats grilled fish, steamed vegetables and rice. As of Monday, she weighed 192 pounds.

dren in her classroom are aged 2 1/2 to 5.)

Ms. Martinez said because of Mrs. Frederick, several other center employees began going to the fitness center and are still going.

Her goal

Mrs. Frederick said she would like to get down to the size 12 she was in high

school.

“I hear people say it’s hard, but I was determined,” she said. “I feel like doing it naturally was the best way. I was persistent and very particular about what I would eat. I intend to stick with it. I’m not going back. I know who I am, and I know I am capable of doing anything.”

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Commander calls



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Brig. Gen. Mike Collings, Center commander, made his first workplace visit April 30 to Building 125. The general announced during his April Commander’s Call that he preferred interacting one-on-one with the work force as a way to better understand how Robins can support the war fighter to the fullest. Above, Mr. Michael Frank, aircraft mechanic, and the general work to install an elevator on a C-130. The commander spent about an hour and a half working with Mr. Frank on the aircraft.

RETIREEES

April/May retirees

Janis L. Baldwin
Prentice C. Burch Sr.
Jerry Collins
Mary G. Cockrell
Victor N. Cyr
Margaret M. Falk
William L. Foster
James F. Freeman
Joseph P. Gill
William F. Haas
Robert L. Hall
John W. Hawthorne

Delores L. Hicks
Carolyn G. Holder
Doyle L. Lane
Beverly A. Linsley
George Moore
Leonard T. Moore
Thomas E. Nauss
Patsy L. Roland
Robert S. Roland
David L. Rousseau
Willie B. Rumph Jr.
George W. Sargent
Patricia H. Sweatt
Kenneth J. Walker

Maxwell AFB Air Show set for June 5-6

Maxwell Air Force Base in Montgomery, Ala., is hosting a two-day air show June 5 and 6, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Opening ceremonies begin at 11 a.m. each day.

The public is invited to enjoy an unforgettable air show commemorating the 60th anniversary of D-Day.

The “Wings of Victory 2004” air show will feature U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds aerobatic team demonstrations on both days. Joining the Thunderbirds on the ticket is the U.S. Army Golden Knights parachute team, also performing both days.

Other featured aerial acts include “Tora! Tora! Tora!” Air Education and Training Command’s T-6A Texan, 908th AW C-130, P-47D, B-25 Mitchell, B-17 Flying Fortress and F-4F Wildcat.

Other events include military working dog demonstrations, aircraft weapons loading teams, Air Force Combat Controllers and Pararescue, Civil Air Patrol, and Air Force history exhibits on air operations in support of D-Day invasion.

The air show is free to the public.

For more information, go to www.maxwell.af.mil/airshow.

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